

November 2023

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:
 *Contemporary Worship services are available online on Youtube.com via our Facebook page. Traditional service available on CD (audio only).

9:00 AM Contemporary Service
 10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)
 11:00 AM Traditional Service

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- HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**
 1 Kathy Harris, Stephanie Lowe
 3 Lauren Perreault
 5 Stephanie McBurney
 8 Landon Diggs
 11 Logan Diggs, Chelsea Faith Sears
 13 Teresa Childress
 15 David Frayser, Nicolas Goodrich
 16 Jensen Clark
 17 Caroline Bray
 18 Ava June Pollard
 20 Judy Lowe
 23 Terry Johnson
 24 Timmy German, Ellis Hudgins, Jonny Nelson
 26 Cathy Adams, Mike Adams
 27 Seth Elias, Chelsea Jarvis, Howard Winder, Jr.
 29 Mike & Brenda Hamhart, Delores Sanger
 30 James Givens

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

30 Tommy & Lorna Eriksen

*If your name is not listed above and you had a b'day or anniversary, please call the church office (725-3707). Thanks!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Daylight Saving Time ends 	6 6 PM Exercise	7 Election Day 6:30 PM Bible study	7 6 PM Family Meal/Activities	2 6 PM Exercise	3	4 8 AM Amy Ash-berry's packing event Set your clocks BACK 1 hr. tonight!
12	13 6 PM Exercise 7 PM Prayer @Spring Hill BC	14 1 PM WMU mtg. 6:30 PM Bible study	15 6 PM Family Meal/Activities (last meal 'til Jan.)	16 6 PM Exercise	17	18 8 AM Men's Breakfast
19	20 4 PM Youth Progressive Dinner 6 PM Exercise DEADLINE FOR SHOEBOXES!!	21 6:30 PM Bible study	22	23	24 Church office closed.	25
26	27 6 PM Exercise Deadline for Xmas Social Services gifts	28 10 AM Kinship Club meeting 6:30 PM Bible study	29 6 PM Christmas play practice	30 6 PM Exercise		

Counting committee for November: —Judy, Joy & Stephanie Lowe	9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers): 5 - Megan Waddell/Addy Lowe 12 - Cathy Nelson/Jade Monastyrly 19 - Alice Stewart/Beverly Barefoot 26 - Stephanie Lowe/Sherin Stewart
Counting committee for December: —Alice & Larry Stewart	9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies): 5 - Pat Taylor/Mary Beth Johnson 12 - Nikki Pollard/Hailey Denkinger 19 - Pam Harrington/Katie Givens 26 - Joy Lowe/Karen Hudgins

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“The Lighthouse”



NOVEMBER 2023

Sometimes as Christians we can become overly critical. Critical of our country, critical of our community, critical of our church and even critical of other Christians. Many Christians have a reputation of just being grouchy. Do you think that is how Jesus wants us to be? Rev. Adrian Rogers asks, “Are you grumbly hateful, or humbly grateful?” Yes, it is easy to become negative and grumble. But as Christians we are to be grateful. Paul gives us three steps to being “humbly grateful” in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. He writes, “*Rejoice always,*

pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY CONTINUALLY, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NV

First, Paul says to rejoice always. Happiness come from whatever “happens” to us, but joy comes from Jesus. Second, Paul continues, “pray without ceasing.” In Philippians 4:6 Paul tells us not to be anxious about things but to pray. Finally,

Paul tells us to give thanks in everything. When we give thanks, we focus on the positive and do not dwell on the negative. If we rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in everything, we will not be “grumbly hateful,” but we will become “humbly grateful.”

Faithfully yours,
 Pastor Brian



SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 4th Shoebox packing
- ◆ 5th Daylight Saving Time ends
- ◆ 7th Election Day
- ◆ 11th Veteran's Day
- ◆ 15th Last meal 'til January
- ◆ 15th Deadline for shoeboxes
- ◆ 18th Men's Breakfast
- ◆ 20th Youth progressive Thanksgiving dinner
- ◆ 23rd Thanksgiving Day

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 Return Services Requested

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Mathews County Christmas Store sponsored by the Dept. of Social Services. Donations due *no later than Nov. 27*. Monetary contributions with check payable to Mathews Dept. of Social Services (note "Christmas Store" in memo) or donate *NEW* toys, clothing, household items, jewelry, cosmetics, etc. to their office during normal business hours. Direct questions to Bernadette La Casse at 804-384-7740 or email her at bernilacasse@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed to help too!

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you so much for the gift for Pastor Appreciation. What a blessing it is to serve such a wonderful and generous congregation. Thank you also for your love, encouragement, and prayers. The Psalmist in Psalm 122:1 said, "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." I agree; I can't wait to be with my church family on Sundays and Wednesdays. What a joy you are!

Thanks again for your kindness!

In His Love,
 Pastor Brian
Thanks, Everyone!

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4.



Please pray for...

† Those recovering from surgery: David Anthony, Beth Lewis, Ronnie Callis.
 † Israel & all the Jewish people around the world.

† Those having surgery this month: Cathie Wahlers, Kathy Harris.

Our love & sympathy go out to...

† Lynn Braun at the passing of her brother Bryan.
 † Ed Haufler at the passing of his daughter Beth.

Praise God for...

† The many blessings He has given each of us this past year!

Long Term Care...

† Ed Haufler (Mathews); Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula)

Homebound: Julie Harvel, Archie/Marilyn Owens, Jim/Gloria Travenski

Those who need our continued prayer...

GRATITUDE game
 Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

- Red:** a need God has provided for
- Orange:** a gift you've received
- Yellow:** something you've recently learned
- Green:** something in nature
- Blue:** a special memory
- Brown:** someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

Church Attendance-October

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
10/01/23	122	124	22
10/08/23	122	125	19
10/15/23	120	106	16
10/22/23	129	127	18
10/29/23	101	105	16

- † Pauline Barrick †Mathews High School
- † Leonard Downs, Jr. †Daniel West
- † Liam †William Scott Smith
- † Derek Zwiers †Don & Christy Talbott
- † Peyton Arthur † Homer Smith
- † Sherry Inabinet † Raymond Harris
- † The Ramer's daughter-in-law †Ron Mallon
- † Karen Wiant †Ellen Parkin †Bonnie Callis
- † Taylor Jacobs

Our church families' missionaries: Susan/Mike Mangerchine (Navigator); Abbie Kramer (Baptist Collegiate Ministry)

To my church family...
 I have appreciated so much all of the cards, texts and prayers for recovery. I can assure you that the love expressed for me is mutual. I truly love my brothers and sisters in Christ. God has chosen to heal me and I am praising Him. Each day goes better and better.
 Love in Christ from Beth Lewis

Poinsettia Orders

Contact the church office to order your poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost: To be announced. Deadline to order—12/1.

Women's Missionary Union November Update

What we aim to do: WMU's unwavering focus is **making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.**

We want to thank all of you for supporting our drive of donations for CareNet. WMU plans to take the church bus to CareNet on Thursday, November 2nd to drop off all your generous items.

Amy Ashberry hosted a packing party at our church on October 15th and is having another packing party for Operation Christmas Child this coming Saturday, Nov 4, starting at 8am in the garage at her mom's house at 6820 Buckley Hall Rd. The **deadline** for getting your filled boxes turned in is **November 20th**. Be sure to complete the brochure that comes with the box and mail your \$10 donation to cover shipping your box to Samaritans Purse.

Nancy Gustafson gave a very inspiring testimony at our October meeting about the missionary work that she and her husband Arnie have served in over the years.

Shoebox Packing at MBC



Thank you, Nancy! We appreciate all that you do!



Nancy Gustafson, speaker at our last WMU meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on November 14th. Come help us plan for the future. We welcome your input and prayers! If you have any questions, please call Donna Frantz at 804-384-2309.

We continue to visit the nursing home on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 am to sing for the residents. We are always looking for people to join us. You don't have to be a great singer, just have enthusiasm and a desire to give of yourself and your time to lift the spirits of some people living with challenging health issues.

Donna Frantz



Some of Amy Ashberry's hundreds of boxes filled at the Packing Party.



Empty boxes are available in the welcome area & entrances to worship. Please include \$10 per box for shipping costs.

Your filled box can be left in the multipurpose building or welcome area.

Coming in Dec.:

Dec. 3rd-10th:
 Week of prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

3rd: Children/ Youth Christmas program

5th: Blood Drive

8-9th: Journey to Bethlehem

9th: County Christmas parade at 1 PM

17nd: Youth Christmas party

24th: Christmas Eve service

25th: Christmas Day

31st: New Year's Eve